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#### **DETAILED ACTION**

#### Election/Restrictions

Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372. This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions that are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I, claim(s) 1-3 and 8-12, drawn to method of treating selected lung diseases and inhibition of T cell activation.

Group II, claim(s) 4-7, drawn to method of manufacturing a pharmaceutical.

The Inventions listed in Groups I and II do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical feature for the following reasons:

In accordance with PCT Rule 13.2, unity of invention exists only when there is a shared same or corresponding special technical feature among the claimed inventions.

All the groupings are directed to methods of utilizing FLINT polypeptides, however each group has a different apparent special technical feature not shared by the remaining groups. Group I has the apparent special technical feature of a method of utilizing

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FLINT polypeptides in treating selected lung diseases and inhibition of T cell activation, while Group II has the apparent special technical feature of a method of utilizing FLINT polypeptides in the manufacture of a pharmaceutical. The special technical feature of Group I and II are distinct because they claim different starting material, different methodologies, different objectives, and different outcome measures. Thus, the inventions are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement may be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

#### Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **J. Jason Galvez**, **Ph.D.** whose telephone number is 571-272-2935. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday 9 AM to

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5 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brenda Brumback, Ph.D. can be reached at 571-272-0887.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see http://pair-direct.uspto.gov. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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